THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister had an informal breakfast meeting with some media experts on 22nd February, 1988 to discuss the role of television. The meeting was meant for an exchange of views. There was no question of any decision being taken.

Appointment of Chairman of Technology Mission on Dairying

3015. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE *be pleased to state:*

(a) whether present officiating non-official Chairman of the Technology Mission on dairying has been continuously in total independent command of NDDB since 1964 and Op. Flood Projects since 1970;

(b) whether data for milk production and animal productivity in Op. Flood Districts, specially Kaira District where NDDB and parent organisation of the Chairman at (a) above are located, has been evaluated and if so, the results thereof;

(c) whether the Chairman at (a) above has proposed his appointment by name from 1988—2000 as Chairman of the Technology Mission;

(d) whether pending indepth evaluation at (b) above and appointment of Chairman and Directors under new NDDB Act, the decision on Technology Mission, ill conceived proposal will be deferred; and

(e) whether the States have been consulted regarding Mission proposal since Dairying is a State subject under the Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Chairman of NDDB is the Chairman of this institution since 1965. His tenure has been extended from time to time. He has been overseeing the Operation Flood Project since 1970.

(b) Milk production data exclusively for Operation Flood districts is not available. However, milk production in the country as a whole has progressively increased from 31.6 million tonnes in 1980-81 to 46.3 million tonnes (provisional) in 1987-88.

(c) The appointment of Dr. V Kurian, as Chairman of the Technology Mission for Dairy Development in his individual capacity has been approved by the Government in view of his vast experience in the field of dairying.

(d) It has been decided to establish the Technology Mission for Dairy Development.

(e) Yes, Sir. A meeting was held with 13 major milk producing States on 29th June, 1988 in New Delhi to discuss various aspects of the Technology Mission for Dairy Development. The meeting was attended by State Ministers of Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry and Cooperation, the Secretaries of these Departments, Chairmen and Managing Directors of the State Dairy Cooperative Federations.

Use of non-conventional sources of energy for Technology Mission on Dairying

3016 DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether item 3.9 of Technology Mission on Dairying provides for use of solar, wind energy and biogas and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Technology Mission for Dairying covers all equipment for transfer of Technology which is yet to be specified; and

(c) whether the Mission is likely to be involved for purchase, transfer of technology?